

Article 2

1. The Parties shall cooperate in the conduct of scientific research, monitoring, and assessment activities to determine the potential impacts of contaminants in the Arctic environment, including, inter alia:

- a. the pathways by which such contaminants reach and are dispersed within the Arctic environment;
- b. the effects of such contaminants upon Arctic flora and fauna, including rates of bio-accumulation; and
- c. the effects of such contaminants upon human health in the Arctic environment, especially upon local and indigenous populations.

2. The Parties further shall cooperate in the monitoring and assessment of levels of hazardous contamination in the Arctic environment, including, inter alia:

- a. provision and full exchange of data and information on the effects of disposal and release of contaminants introduced directly or indirectly into the Arctic environment;
- b. determination of the levels, chemical composition, and patterns of contamination at and around sites at which materials have been stored, processed, disposed or released; and
- c. determination of the levels and rates of transport of such contaminants into the marine environment, including through rivers, canals and other watercourses and via ice transport and ice rafted sediment, as well as through airborne deposition.

3. Cooperation between the Parties in scientific research and monitoring referred to in this Article shall take place bilaterally, and within the appropriate international, including regional, mechanisms, in particular the Arctic Monitoring and Assessment Program of the Arctic Environmental Protection Strategy and the International Arctic Seas Assessment Program of the International Atomic Energy Agency.

Article 3

1. Each Party shall facilitate access for cooperative activities under Article 2[2] to areas that are under its jurisdiction in accordance with international law and that are or are believed to be contaminated, under such reasonable conditions as it may establish.
2. The Parties shall ensure that the data and information resulting from such research and monitoring are exchanged and made freely available to both Parties.

Article 4

The Parties shall promote the development of specific measures to give effect to this Agreement, including:

- a. programs for the exchange of scientists, other experts and students in the field of Arctic contamination;
- b. organization of seminars and meetings of experts;
- c. organization of joint research activities, including marine scientific research cruises;
- d. development of data bases and inventories on Arctic environmental data; and
- e. cooperation in emergency preparedness exercises and prompt exchange of information concerning major accidental releases of contaminants into the Arctic environment.
- f. cooperation in the exchange of information on relevant monitoring, assessment and remediation technologies to prevent, reduce and control the release of pollutants to the Arctic environment.

Article 5

Activities under this Agreement, including specific projects and programs, shall be carried out by responsible agencies of each Party under the overall coordination of the United States-Russian Commission on Economic and Technological Cooperation and under any other coordinating body as may be agreed by the Parties.

Article 6

1. All activities taken pursuant to this Agreement shall be conducted in accordance with the applicable laws, regulations, and procedures in both countries and shall be subject to the availability of funds and personnel.

2. Scientific and technological information resulting from cooperation under this Agreement, other than information which is not disclosed for national security, commercial or industrial reasons, shall be made freely available, unless otherwise agreed.

3. The treatment of intellectual property created or furnished in the course of cooperative activities under this Agreement shall be governed by Annex II of the Agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Russian Federation on Science and Technology Cooperation, 1989.

Article 7

The Parties shall consult over any differences as to the interpretation or application of this Agreement.

Article 8

1. This Agreement shall enter into force upon signature and remain in force for a period of five years, and may be extended for additional five year periods upon written agreement of the Parties.

2. Either Party may terminate this Agreement six months following the date of written notification to the other Party.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being duly authorized by their respective Governments, have signed this Agreement.

DONE at _____, in duplicate,
this _____ day of _____ 1994, in the
Russian and English languages, each text being equally
authentic.

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION:
